

Claims 5-14 (Withdrawn)

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of the subject application, as amended above, is respectfully requested in view of the following comments.

Claims 1-4 are pending in the present application; claims 5-14 having been withdrawn from consideration.

Claims 1-3 have been amended to more particularly define the chimeric polypeptide. Support for the amendments is found throughout the specification and in particular in the tables. Accordingly, no new matter is added by these amendments to the claims.

Applicants enclose herewith paper and electronic copies of the Sequence List that was filed in the parent application, Serial No. 08/631,341.

I. Rejection of Claims 1-5 Under 35 U.S.C. § 112, First Paragraph

It is respectfully submitted that the rejection of claims 1-5 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as allegedly containing subject matter that is not described in the specification in a manner that conveys to the skilled practitioner that applicants were in possession of the claimed invention at the time of filing, is rendered moot by the amendments to the claims.

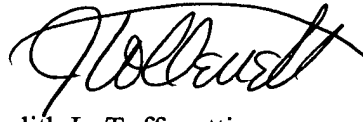
II. Rejection of Claims 1-5 Under 35 U.S.C. § 112, First Paragraph

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To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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